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Project Review
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125

Re: New England Power Company
Wachusett Substation Expansion
West Boylston
Project Notification Form

Dear sir/madam:

On behalf of New England Power Company (NEP), I am submitting a Project Notification Form for an expansion of our existing Wachusett Substation in West Boylston, MA.

The PNF is being submitted because NEP is seeking a zoning exemption in West Boylston by virtue of a filing with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE). The DTE checklist for zoning relief asks if any MEPA thresholds are exceeded. No other MEPA thresholds are exceeded. MEPA's Historical and Archaeological category, which is the basis for the PNF, is the one for which NEP had insufficient data to address fully.

The 2002 State Register indicated no historic properties near the site. However, NEP had no data regarding archaeological resources. We respectfully look to the Commission staff to provide that input.

Enclosed is the PNF, USGS map, Project Description and Proposed Site Plan, and an aerial photograph of the site. Please note that the "tree line" indentation as shown on the Proposed Site Plan will give an indication of where the future clearing and grading are proposed to take place.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

F. Paul Richards

Enclosure

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After review of MHC files and the materials you submitted, it has been determined that this project is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources.

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Date 12/30/03
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